

Senate File 481 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a program for providing voluntary home visits
2 for all households in the state with a newborn child.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 2081SV 82
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 HOUSEHOLDS WITH A NEWBORN
1 2 CHILD == HOME VISITS.
1 3 1. a. The Iowa empowerment board shall develop a program
1 4 with the goal of offering all households in the state with a
1 5 newborn child a voluntary home visit. The components of the
1 6 home visit shall include but are not limited to assessing the
1 7 child's home environment, identifying the family and child
1 8 needs and the services that could appropriately meet those
1 9 needs, and assisting the family in accessing appropriate
1 10 services.
1 11 b. The Iowa board shall coordinate with existing programs
1 12 that provide home-based instruction or support to households
1 13 with a newborn child as necessary to make the best use of
1 14 resources while expanding the availability of home visits.
1 15 2. All of the following requirements shall apply to
1 16 services provided under the program:
1 17 a. Home visits shall be made by qualified and trained
1 18 staff.
1 19 b. Staff shall demonstrate a capacity to competently
1 20 complete home visits, including the ability to identify family
1 21 and child needs and facilitate referrals to and interventions
1 22 by other resources available in the community, based upon
1 23 needs identified during a home visit.
1 24 c. The program shall have a plan for implementing a
1 25 cooperative arrangement with local hospitals and birthing
1 26 centers for the hospitals and centers to provide referral
1 27 information for contacting families with a newborn child.
1 28 d. The program shall incorporate performance measures and
1 29 provide for reporting of outcome measures on a regular basis,
1 30 both as identified by the Iowa board.
1 31 3. The Iowa board shall implement the provisions of this
1 32 section subject to the funding provided for purposes of this
1 33 section.

EXPLANATION

1 34 This bill establishes a program for providing voluntary
2 1 home visits for all households in the state with a newborn
2 2 child.
2 3 New Code section 28.11 directs the Iowa empowerment board
2 4 to develop the program with the goal of making available a
2 5 home visit for each household in the state with a family that
2 6 has a newborn child. The board is required to coordinate this
2 7 program with existing programs providing home visits to
2 8 families with a newborn child.
2 9 The bill includes requirements for the program staff to be
2 10 qualified and trained and to have the capacity to competently
2 11 determine needs and make referrals, for the programs to have a
2 12 plan for a cooperative arrangement, and for the program to
2 13 incorporate performance measures and for reporting of outcome
2 14 measures. The Iowa empowerment board's implementation of the
2 15 program is subject to the funding provided for purposes of the
2 16 program.
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